



2010 Case and Demographic Press Release

The Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses is an annual survey administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics in collaboration with the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' Research and Analysis Section. Occupational injury and illness data are collected from approximately 5,700 Missouri employers each year.

The most serious nonfatal occupational injury and illness cases involve lost work time (days away from work) for the injured or ill employee. Survey data indicated that there were 14,440 lost work time cases in Missouri private industry in 2010. The incidence rate for nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work per 10,000 full-time workers was 80.4 for private industry.

Goods and Services Industries

Survey data indicated that in 2010, 3,750 workers in private goods-producing industries had lost work time due to nonfatal injuries and illnesses. In 2010, the number of Missouri workers who lost work time due to work-related injuries and illnesses incurred in private service-providing industries was 10,690.

Experience on the Job

Workers with more than five years of service accounted for 37.1 percent of the nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work in private industry in 2010; workers with one to five years of service accounted for 35.0 percent of the cases.

Age of Worker

Workers who were 45 to 54 years old accounted for 30.9 percent of the total number of nonfatal occupational injury and illness cases with days away from work in private industry in 2010; workers who were 35 to 44 years old accounted for 20.6 percent.

Four characteristics are used to describe the event that caused an occupational injury or illness – nature of injury or illness, part of body affected, source of injury or illness, and event or exposure.

Nature

Sprains, strains was the nature (physical characteristics) of the injury or illness in 36.1 percent of the nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work in 2010 in private industry.

Part of Body

The body part affected in 30.8 percent of all nonfatal occupational injury and illness cases in private industry in 2010 was the trunk.

Source

Floor, ground surfaces was the source of injury or illness in 24.0 percent of all nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work in 2010 in private industry.

Event or Exposure

Contact with object, equipment accounted for 24.0 percent of all events or exposures of injuries or illnesses in private industry.

For more information regarding this survey, please visit

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